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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE GEORGE P. SHULTZ
The Secretary of State

THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER
The Secretary of Defense

GENERAL JOHN W. VESSEY, JR.
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT: Allocation of Resources Made Available by
Salvadoran Verdict in the Churchwomen's Case (U)

The May 24, 1984 verdict in the trial of the five Salvadoran National Guardsmen fulfills the conditions imposed by the Congress (Long/Specter Amendment) on the release of the remaining FY-84 Salvadoran security assistance resources. Given the continued delay in approving our \$62.7M emergency FY-84 supplemental request, we should proceed now with obligating the assistance funds to meet existing requirements. Our staffs have agreed that these funds should not be used to repay the debts incurred through the exercise of the President's authorities under Section 21(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA). Prompt allocation of this \$19M will also preclude the near-term necessity for further use of the 21(d) authorities. (C)

In order that this allocation proceed expeditiously, the following actions should be taken by May 29: (C)

- The Department of Defense should identify and provide to the Department of State and the NSC a listing of how the \$19M will be allocated.
- The Department of State, in coordination with the Department of Defense, should provide to the White House: (C)
 - a plan for Congressional consultation on this matter, and
 - a public affairs statement and contingency questions and answers to be used by State, DOD, and White House press spokesmen.

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In consulting on and announcing this \$19M allocation, we should use the opportunity to emphasize the linkage between the military situation in El Salvador and the Nicaraguan support provided to the FRD/FMLN. We should also note the necessity of this assistance given the expectation of an offensive in the fall. These points, in turn, should be aimed at helping our case for the \$21M we have requested to support the Nicaraguan Democratic Opposition Forces. (C)


Robert C. McFarlane

cc: The Vice President
The Honorable Edwin Meese, III
The Honorable William P. Casey
The Honorable James A. Baker, III

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